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Extensions of ongoing country programmes

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Somalia and Yemen, all of which were approved by the Executive Director.

The note further presents the reasons for the proposed one-year extensions of the country programmes for Côte d'Ivoire, Lebanon and Libya. The Executive Board is requested to approve these programme extensions.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Somalia and Yemen, all of which were approved by the Executive Director, as presented in table 1;

2. *Approves* the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Côte d'Ivoire, Lebanon and Libya, as presented in table 2.

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Table 1
First one-year extensions of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

UNICEF-assisted country programme	*Original programme period*	*Year approved for extension*	*Reasons for the extension*
Burkina Faso	2011-2015	2016	– To allow UNICEF to align with the new United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2017-2020, which will be finalized in July 2016. – The extension will provide for the new country programme to be based on the validated national policy framework for economic and social development 2016-2020.
Mozambique	2012-2015	2016	– To comply with requests from the United Nations and the Government for alignment with the new Government planning cycle 2016-2020. – To enable the UNICEF country programme to be harmonized with the new national Poverty Reduction Strategy 2016-2020.
Somalia	2011-2015	2016	– To align with the duration of "The Somali Compact", which was endorsed in 2013 by the Government of Somalia, civil society and non-governmental organization partners. The compact sets out national priorities for 2014-2016. – The extension would allow the United Nations to align its work with the priorities outlined in the national plan.
Yemen	2012-2015	2016	– To allow for alignment and coherence with the UNDAF and the Government planning cycle. – The Government's current Transitional Plan for Stabilization and Development has been extended and the next Government development plan is expected to cover the period 2017-2021. – To align with the extended UNDAF cycle.

Table 2
Extensions of country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested

UNICEF-assisted country programme	*Original programme period, including previous extensions*	*Period proposed for extension*	*Reasons for extension*		
			In-country development	*United Nations harmonization*	*Implementation or other issues*
Côte d'Ivoire	2009-2013 (Previously extended to 2015)	2016	The one-year extension is based on a request by the Government to allow for the finalization of the review of the National Development Plan 2012-2015, and to use the results of this review to formulate a new national development plan.	The request for a one-year extension by the Government was transmitted to the United Nations Development Group Western and Central Africa Group, which in turn approved this extension.	To enable the new national development plan to benefit from the results of the 2014 census and the 2015 study on standards of living. To allow the United Nations to ensure harmonization with national priorities articulated in the new national development plan.
Lebanon	2010-2014 (Previously extended to 2015)	2016	With more than 1.1 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon, UNICEF and the United Nations country team (UNCT) continue to support people affected by the impact of the Syrian crisis.	The request for a second one-year extension is to align the country programme with the approved extension of the UNDAF 2010-2015 to the end of 2016.	To align with the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan 2015-2016, which has been endorsed by the Government.
Libya	2013-2014 (Previously extended to 2015)	2016	Due to the current crisis, the political road map set by the Constitutional Declaration in 2011 has been stalled since July 2014.	The second one-year extension is to align with the UNCT decision to request a second one-year extension of the current country programme cycle.	The state of flux and insecurity in the country has constrained medium- and longer-term planning.